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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (August 8-15, 2007)

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(U) Sensitive but unclassified - please protect accordingly.

11. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

12. (U) From August 8-15, 2007, 16 security officials were wounded, including one in a firefight with PKK terrorists. The remaining 15 were wounded in landmine explosions.

13. (U) From August 8-15, 2007, one PKK terrorist was killed, ten were captured, and one surrendered.

14. (U) The TGS website reported one clash between security forces and PKK terrorists in southeastern Turkey during the reporting period. Security forces unearthed at least ten PKK shelters/caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

15. (U) On August 10, a civilian was injured when a mine exploded on a road in Hakkari Province.

16. (U) On August 13, PKK set a minibus on fire at a private rock mine in Lice, Diyarbakir Province, and took away the cell phones of workers.

17. (U) On August 13, the PKK set three privately-owned roadworking machines on fire at a road construction site near Refahiye, Erzinan Province.

18. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES      NUMBER

May 2007	40
June 2007	40
July 2007	15
August 1-7, 2007	5
August 8-15, 2007	1

# CASUALTIES

## Security Forces

May 2007	15 KIA, 52 WIA
June 2007	23 KIA, 51 WIA
July 2007	10 KIA, 14 WIA
August 1-7, 2007	7 KIA, 8 WIA
August 8-15, 2007	0 KIA, 16 WIA

## PKK

May 2007	20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
June 2007	34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered
July 2007	11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

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August 1-7, 2007	14 KIA, 3 captured, 0 surrendered
August 8-15, 2007	1 KIA, 10 captured, 1 surrendered

## CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007	113
June 2007	50
July 2007	28
August 1-7, 2007	7
August 8-15, 2007	10

19. (U) Following are the cumulative casualty figures for 2007.

## TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

KIA WIA

JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4
APRIL	18	16
MAY	15	42
JUNE	24	51
JULY	10	14
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	7	8
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	0	16
TOTAL	81	163

PKK  
 KIA Captured Surrendered

JANUARY	0	5	3
FEBRUARY	0	14	0
MARCH	16	15	7
APRIL	16	8	4
MAY	20*	31	3
JUNE	34	16	17
JULY	11	10	13
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	14	3	0
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	1	10	1
TOTAL	112	112	48

\* Includes PKK suicide bomber in May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS  
 KIA WIA

JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0

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APRIL	1	0
MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
JULY	1	3
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	1 (by the PKK)	0
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	0	1
TOTAL	19	115

\* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA in May 22 Ankara bombing.

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